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MR. USCHOLD: Our guest on Directions is Admiral Stansfield Turner, Director of Central Intelligence.

We'll be discussing the key issues involving the intelligence community and the Department of Defense.

Admiral Turner, many people when they think of the Central Intelligence Agency conjure up the idea of a mystical Mission Impossible organization: the cloak and dagger, trench coat, the Agent 007 kind of thing. How would you characterize Central Intelligence?

ADMIRAL TURNER: The secret agent part of our business out here at the Central Intelligence Agency is a very important but a relatively small part of our activities.

The Central Intelligence Agency was created in 1947 to have one central focal point for intelligence in this country that was not related to policy making as are the Department of Defense and the Department of State.

So one of the most important functions we play here is to collate and bring together all of the intelligence that is derived in all of the agencies of the Government that play a part in intelligence.

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That's a massive analytic function. like a major research organization in a university. That's perhaps the biggest activity here. The covert, secretive collection of intelligence is another and It's one of the contributors to that. important part.

But the major thing we do here is really research.

There has been some criticism MR. USCHOLD: of the covert operations, the dirty tricks aspect. there a need for this?

ADMIRAL TURNER: There is primarily a need to have a standby capability to do covert action. action is trying to influence events in other countries as opposed to collecting intelligence.

They are really separate functions. It happens that the Congress resided the covert action function in It could have been the Central Intelligence Agency. put other places.

There are situations such as the possibility that a terrorist group might gain access to a nuclear weapon, and this country would be very unhappy I think if we did not have a standby covert action capability to influence that kind of a situation.

How great is that potential MR. USCHOLD: Approved For Teleast 2009/11/04: CTA-HDP88-07313400010047500their hands on

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It's always a considerable ADMIRAL TURNER: It's a considerable danger danger by means of theft. should we have more nuclear proliferation into more and more countries of the world whose security procedures with their weapons might not be as good as ours.

We are quite confident that ours are secure.

MR. USCHOLD: Your position now as Director of Central Intelligence takes in more than just the I wonder if you would explain that. CIA itself.

ADMIRAL TURNER: The law of 1947 provides that I have two jobs: Director of Central Intelligence and the Director of the Central Intelligence Agency.

The latter, the Agency, is just one element of the intelligence community, we call it. As Director of Central Intelligence, I'm responsible for coordinating all of the intelligence activities in the United States Government, including those in the Department of Defense, the Department of State, the Treasury Department, the F.B.I. and so on; that is, the intelligence part of the F.B.I., not the law enforcement part of it.

If they acquire intelligence in the process of law enforcement, they turn it over to us, and we do that.

In this degree, I have some authority over all Approved For Release 2004/11/01 : CIA-RDP88-01315R000100410001-1

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the elements of intelligence in the Department of Defense.

There is a fine line here of shared control with the Secretary of Defense because they are his elements, he gets the budget for them, and basically operates them; I give the overall direction as to what is desired.

As Director of Central Intelligence Agency,
I am actually the operating head of one of the many
components of the intelligence community.

MR. USCHOLD: Now within the Department of Defense there is the Defense Intelligence Agency. Is there a duplication of effort?

admiral Turner: There is a degree of duplication of effort between the research function and the Department of Defense's Intelligence Agency, the CIA's Research Intelligence Agency, and the State Department's research function, and that's a very desirable thing because when you interpret the facts of intelligence there is never a right or a wrong answer; it's a matter of interpretation, understanding, and you want different viewpoints, and there is why we like to have a sort of competing analysis situation between Defense, State, and the CIA and, in some cases, Treasury and other elements

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MR. USCHOLD: It seems somewhat incongruous that here we have an admiral who is the Director of Central Intelligence reporting to the President, but yet over on the other side you have the Department of Defense and an intelligence community there.

I should think that the admiral in this case the chain of command would be through the Joint Chiefs and the Secretary, of course, and then to the President. I wonder if you would explain that relationship.

ADMIRAL TURNER: Again, back to the law of 1947 which established this operation, it specifically provides that the Director of Central Intelligence may be an active duty or a retired military officer or a civilian.

It also provides that if it is an active duty military officer he will carry out no responsibilities to the Department of Defense or report to anybody in the Department of Defense.

So I am prohibited from being in any way subordinate to the chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff or even the Secretary of Defense with regard to my business.

I do hold my military rank and privileges and my military pay.

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know has been presented to you a number of times as some charge that you're really using this position as a stepping stone, that you are, should I say, a transient custodian of CIA, and that ultimately you would like to be Chief of Naval Operations or even Chairman of the Joint Chiefs.

I wonder if you would tell us what your personal goals, your personal career goals, are in this case.

ADMIRAL TURNER: I've had the same career goal for 31 years, John, and that's to serve this country in the best way I can.

On the 3rd of February the President asked me to come back here, and I didn't know why. When he told me he thought I could best serve the country as the Director of Central Intelligence, I gave him the standard answer: aye, aye, sir: if that's what you want me to do, I'll do it.

In the future I'll do the same thing: If he wants me to leave and retire and become a civilian, I'll do that.

If he wants me to go to a military spot of any sort, I'll do that. I would suspect that there's a real need for the incumbent in my place to stay here

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We've had too many Directors of the CIA and Central Intelligence in the last few years. For unfortunate reasons, people have only stayed short terms, and that's not good for as important an organization as this.

Finally, let me just say that I'm offended when people accuse me of stepping stoning. I did not ask for this job. I am very pleased to have it.

It's an honor to have it, and there's a tremendously important task to be done for our country here, and I'm pleased to have been given that responsibility.

But I'm not sitting here looking for what I can get tomorrow; I am interested in serving our country as well as I can today.

MR. USCHOLD: Being here only a short time, nevertheless, some say that your running of the CIA, that you run a tight ship and that has caused some morale problems.

How do you look at this?

ADMIRAL TURNER: Well, we have a saying in the Navy that a taut ship is a happy ship. Yes, I always like to run a taut ship.

I don't believe there is a morale problem

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because there's lots of discussion in the newspapers of a major reorganization of the intelligence community.

And if you can put yourself in the shoes of these dedicated people here in the Intelligence Agency, you realize that they have been under attack in the press, under investigation by the Congress for 2-1/2 years.

Now somebody is talking about reorganizing, and naturally they are concerned. They want to know what's going to happen.

That's the principal morale problem here, and we're doing everything we can to resolve that as quickly as we can because they deserve to know what the future is going to be.

But I can only say that although the details are still being ironed out in the executive branch and with the Congress, there is no question that we must have a strong intelligence community and that the CIA is going to be an important part of it.

MR. USCHOLD: Before coming to this position, you were over in Europe and in a position as Commander and Chief of Allied Forces, Southern Europe.

Based upon your experience there and your present position, how do you perceive the strength of

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ADMIRAL TURNER: I still think NATO has an edge on the Warsaw Pact countries in all important categories of warfare.

At the same time, the growing strength of the Warsaw Pact, particularly on ground forces in Central Europe, is an alarming trend, and we must continue to match that growing strength or we will be in a position of inferiority.

I think, however, John, that you must look to the fact that NATO is a free alliance of 15 nations who voluntarily get together, and they sometimes squabble with each other, and it comes out in the public like the very debilitating dispute between the Greeks and the Turks during the last several years, which hurts the Alliance.

But in the long run, there is strength in the freedom to have different opinions and to dispute because you don't have that in the Warsaw Pact.

There is one boss, one dominating country, and I'm not sure the Soviets can fully count on the alliance that they've got; I'm sure that we can if the chips are down in ours.

MR. USCHOLD: What about President Carter's plan to withdraw ground troops from South Korea and

General (Singloves) concern over this; does that have Approved For Release 2004/11/01: CIA-RDP88-01315R000100410001-1

Approved For Release 2004/11/01: CIA-RDP88-01315R000100410001-1 any validity as far as you are concerned?

a relative military balance.

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ADMIRAL TURNER: I think that you have to appreciate that we've had 24 years of peace in Korea, and that means to me there's been a relative stability,

The other side, which I think is an aggressive undemocratic nation, has not found it propitious to take any military action, so in some sense there's been a stand-off.

When the United States pulls its some 33,000 ground forces out of Korea, the situation clearly will change.

But the issue, John, will be what can be done between now and the withdrawal of those forces to replace their fighting capability: not necessarily man for man and tube for tube and tank for tank, but their overall capability.

And I think that it's quite possible that that capability can be absorbed by the South Korean armed forces.

We'll have to watch and see. And it's my job to continually assess that balance. There is a . balance today, and as it goes along with the withdrawal and replacement, I'll be trying to advise the President

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MR. USCHOLD: Now in assessing the situation, whether it be in Korea or wherever in the world, how do you go about this? What factors bear on this assessment, and how do you obtain this kind of information?

ADMIRAL TURNER: Well, that's a pretty big question, but we have to try to meld together all of the intelligence inputs that we get.

We get that from unclassified sources, reading newspapers, magazines, talking with people who travel.

We get it from various technical means of collection.

We get it from the clandestine collection of the CIA with what could be described as spies.

We have to bring all this information together and piece the clues together. It's sometimes fascinating because a clue over here that appears to have no relationship to another one over here, a smart analyst, a smart researcher, will bring together and draw a conclusion from.

So we do this. We have to try to get the best estimate we can on what in this case the military forces of North Korea have, how well-trained they are: watching their training exercises in all the different ways that we can.

Then we have to also look even broader than Approved For Release 2004/11/01: CIA-RDP88-01315R000100410001-1

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will they be able to afford in the way of armed forces improvement over the next five years, and weigh all that into a balance and then turn to a military analysis which says: all right, if they've got this many forces and we've got this many, but we're in a defensive posture, they're in an offensive posture, which is the assumption here, can we handle it. It's only 20-some miles from Seoul to the border. That's a particular military problem that has to be judged very carefully. It's not easy, and the answers are never concrete and exact.

MR. USCHOLD: In this work of gathering this information, do you work with, or do your people work with our military people around the world in various bases?

ADMIRAL TURNER: Oh, absolutely. A major input to an assessment of balance in Korea will come from the DIA itself.

And just a few weeks ago I spoke with the Chief of Staff of the United Nations Command in Korea. He came out here, and we had a long talk about the military balance on that front.

So we're interested in the views of the commanders on the scene, their intelligence officers.

We're interested in the opinions of the Department of Approved For Release 2004/11/01: CIA-RDP88-01315R000100410001-1

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I usually get to the office ADMIRAL TURNER:

9:00 and spend 30 or 40 minutes around the table seeing

at 8:00; we usually have a staff conference out here at

fact that you wear more than one hat. This must keep

your work day well-occupied. What is your typical day

MR. USCHOLD: A while back you mentioned the

what are the key items of the day; about every other day

I'm up on the Hill before Congress in some form or

I was there for 3-1/2 hours yesterday morning

in one form of testimony or another:

Twice a week I have an appointment with the President to give him an intelligence update, and that takes a lot of preparation, of course, so that will mean the day before that I will try to spend two to three hours in the office working on that and calling in analysts who will tell me things that are important to bring to the President's attention.

There are frequent meetings of the National Security Council and its sub-organizations. one before the decision was made on Korea, for instance, that you just asked me about, and we all put our opinions on the table so they could be sent to the President.

obviously, as anyone in charge of a large organization, you've got a myriad of details and lots of people you have to see in your own organization to keep the thing running day by day.

MR. USCHOLD: This position now, has this changed your personal life style at all? Do you find yourself looking over your shoulder a little bit more?

ADMIRAL TURNER: Oh, I'd like to be back in Napoli. That was nice. No, I enjoy this very much, but it is quite a different life style than any military job that I had, simply because I'm dealing in a different arena: this is the national scene, not the military scene.

It's no more important, but it's different, and it's very interesting, but it's very demanding of my time.

MR. USCHOLD: What do you do to unwind with all the pressure?

ADMIRAL TURNER: Well, I have a good friend who's a vice admiral and he lives not far down the street, and we get out 6:30 in the morning twice a week and then usually again on Saturday and hit the tennis ball around, and if I can beat him in the morning, it really makes my day. I'm ready to go.

Approved For Release 2004/11/01 : CIA-RDP88-01315R000100410001-1 ADMIRAL TURNER: Well, then the poor staff 1 is in bad shape that day when I come in all grumpy. 2 MR. USCHOLD: What about Mrs. Turner, how 3 is she taking on this new role here? 4 ADMIRAL TURNER: Well, she's a good sport. 5 She sees a lot of me, but I'm always sitting there at 6 home at night reading and working. 7 But there are, of course, some interesting 8 social activities that we get involved in, and she 9 enjoys those. 10 MR. USCHOLD: A while back when President 11 Carter announced his energy plan, the CIA released a 12 report on the worldwide energy situation. Of course 13 you got some criticism for that. 14 I wonder if you would (1) address that 15 aspect: the criticism, why did this come about and (2) 16 what is your assessment of the worldwide energy 17 situation. 18 On the first point we were ADMIRAL TURNER: 19 criticized because they thought the CIA was being used 20 for a political purpose. 21 I can only assure you that absolutely is not 22 The study had been in process for over a 23 I did not know it was under way; I'd only been 24 here a couple of weeks when it was delivered to my

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desk. Now what would you do, John: you have a report

of great significance to a decision the President is

in the process of making?.

Clearly, I had to provide it to him because it was important to him. We talked about it, and once he had made his decision and announced his energy program, it seemed that it was such an important factor that it was worth the public of the United States knowing.

MR. USCHOLD: I understand now you even said that you were going to make more material of this nature--not necessarily on energy--but more of this available to the public.

ADMIRAL TURNER: Yes.

MR. USCHOLD: Why is that?

ADMIRAL TURNER: I said that before that report was issued. In fact, one of the first policies I instituted out here was a program of declassifying information when it could be declassified.

And we had before that report came up several projects already under way and which are still under way.

My feeling is that the public pays a lot of money for this institution, and they're deserving of its product when it can be shared with them and that Approved For Release 2004/11/01: CIA-RDP88-01315R000100410001-1

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this country will be stronger if it has a well-informed public, and to the extent that we can contribute to that without endangering the security of our information, we're going to be better.

MR. USCHOLD: Before we get into the energy question, what are some of the other subject areas that you will be releasing material on?

ADMIRAL TURNER: Let me say to begin with that this is not an entirely new policy out here. for years has published a lot of unclassified information, which is available through the Library of Congress to anybody who wants it.

We have many atlases of specific areas of the world where there are problems.

And we intend just to push that a little bit I'd like to put out things about the world economy, what are the prospects for different minerals, what is the overall prospect for the economies of major areas of the world: China, the Soviet Union, Eastern Europe, even Western Europe to help people

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MR. USCHOLD: That's in oil that you're talking

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energy. Where does the United States stand as related to the entire world situation now with energy?

Again on the question of

ADMIRAL TURNER: Well, we stand in a position where we will have a growing requirement for the importation of oil as one of our energy sources, but the problem that we have highlighted in our report from the CIA is a global problem, and it simply is this: that we believe in the next seven or eight years the world demand for energy will exceed the world's capacity to get oil out of the ground.

We are not talking about whether there's enough oil down in mother earth to meet our needs; we are only talking about in the short-term: seven or eight years, can the world as a whole get as much out of the ground as it would like to have.

MR. USCHOLD: You're saying 1985?

ADMIRAL TURNER: Well, we say before 1985:

1982 and 1983, somewhere in there there will be a cross
over point where we will want more energy than can

physically be brought to the surface, and that means

either you've got to cut down or you've got to pay a

higher price --

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ADMIRAL TURNER: In oil. Now we have taken into account here how much nuclear power, how much coal, how much gas is likely to be available in that mid-term.

Other solutions like lots more nuclear power may solve that problem over the longer run, but it takes about ten years to get a nuclear power plant going in this country.

So if it isn't on the drawing board today, we didn't take credit for it. But we made all those estimates, and we just think there will be a pressure on the price of oil because of a greater demand than availability of supply sometime in the next seven or eight years.

We really don't think that will come to pass because we think people will take action, but that's what we are trying to point out needs to be done.

MR. USCHOLD: Do you see a problem now with the Soviet Union as opposed -- as a result of this shortage?

ADMIRAL TURNER: The major factor driving our conclusion in this study was an estimate that the Soviet Union will become a net importer of oil rather than a net exporter, that they have trouble in their oil industry, and that it's just over the horizon, and that their

production, which is still Approved For Release 2004/11/01: CIA-RDP88-01345R000100410001-1the early

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Now that's a conclusion open to dispute.

Though we find that most of the oil experts outside the Government tend to agree with us that there will be a drop-off in Soviet production, people have different estimates of how rapidly.

And if that's the case and the Soviets don't export oil but, in fact, are looking for oil, whether they actually buy it or not there will be pressure on the oil market as a result of this.

MR. USCHOLD: Admiral Turner, we have time for one more question. Looking down the road, looking into that crystal ball now, what personal goals and objectives do you have as Director of Central Intelligence?

ADMIRAL TURNER: The primary goal is to produce for the President, for the Congress, for the Defense Department and the other decision makers in our government as objective intelligence as we can. That's our job: to stand clear of policymaking, stand up and tell people what we think the true situation, the facts are, regardless of whether it supports what they like to hear or not.

Secondly, I'd like to be sure that the intelligence community as a whole is adapting to the Approved For Release 2004/11/01: CIA-RDP88-01315R000100410001-1

future: the rapid changes of technology, the rapid change in the political scene around the world.

Think how different it is today than it was 30 years ago. And I believe because of that difference intelligence is more important than it ever was before.

Thirty years ago we were so far superior to anyone else in military power that intelligence while important was not critical.

But today when the balance of military power is much closer, if you do not have good intelligence to take advantage of what military strength you have, you may not make it.

And all of us in military uniforms should appreciate that because it may be the difference between victory and defeat.

Beyond that, John, I'd like to read you a quotation from an invocation that a Navy chaplain, Captain Jude (Senior) gave at my change of command when I left my NATO assignment in Naples a few months ago because I think it also epitomizes what I'd like to do and set as my goal here.

I had this framed because I liked it. He said: As the Director of Central Intelligence, may he add wisdom to intelligence to make his work a center

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pproved For Release 2004/11/01 : CIA-RDP88-01315R000100410001-1 for the family of all mankind. MR. USCHOLD: Admiral Turner, that's excellent, and I want to thank you for being with us on Directions. ADMIRAL TURNER: Thank you. I enjoyed this very much. (Whereupon, the program was ended.)

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8 June 1977

MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Central Intelligence

FROM:

Herbert E. Hetu

Assistant to the Director

(Public Affairs)

SUBJECT:

AFRTS Interview

- 1. At 10:00 a.m. on Thursday, 9 June, you will be interviewed on film and audio tape by the American Forces Radio and Television correspondent, John Uschold. What results will be a 1/2 hour program designed for release through the AFRTS worldwide network. It will go to 270 American Forces television stations, 740 American Forces radio stations and a transcript (or selected quotes in the form of a release) to 1,800 units/installation newspapers, European and Pacific editions of the Stars and Stripes and to Department of Defense and American Forces periodicals.
- 2. John Uschold is a very professional interviewer who has been doing this show for AFRTS for several years (he interviewed Secretary's Chafee and Warner). While AFRTS is not in the business of making national news, they do hope for a lively interview to hold the attention of their somewhat captive audience.

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Uschold	has relayed to us.						
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- 1. A response to the charge in the Evans-Novak column that there is a deal between the President and the DCI involving the position of CNO and JCS and whether the DCI job is a "stepping stone." (Uschold said they would welcome strong answer to this one.)
- 2. The timing of the energy report; was it politically motivated?
- 3. The relationship between the DoD and CIA; how do they interface?
- 4. Is CIA continuing its covert operations in light of all the political and media criticism?
- 5. About the CIA budget; should it be opened up, kept secret, or go with the one overall figure?
- 6. Jack Anderson describes the CIA's mission as "the nation's first line of defense." Do you agree? How do you see the CIA's role in the future; changing?
- 7. Describe your plans for goals and objectives, for both yourself and the Agency and the Community.
- 8. What do you do with your leisure time; how do you unwind; how long is your work day?

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Herb,

Talked to John Uschold, who'll be doing Thursday's 1000 interview with the DCI for American Radio and Television Netwrks. He said this was to be the introduction of Admiral Turner to all of the Department of Defense and would be given heavy distribution throughout the services.

Uschold said his questions during the 30-minute (air time) interview would probably be built around the following general questions:

- 1. The Admiral's response to the charge in the Evans-Novak column that there is a deal between the President and the DCI involving the position of CNO and JCS and whether the DCI job is a "stepping stone." (Uschold said this should be addressed strongly by the DCI)
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Wants to touch on point in the Evans & Novak Column that dealt with the stepping stone into somthing bigger.

CIA Energy report and its timing.

Relationship to the Defense Department; how do the two interface.

About Covert operations; are you going to continue covert operations despite the criticism in the past?

About the CIA budget; should it be brought out in the open or kept buried.

CIA and its mission termed as it touches first line of defense. Would you agree; how do you see it?

What do you do with your lesisure time.

Personal and CIA Goals and objectives; what do you see in the future for the CIA and the Intelligence Community.

How do you unwind; how many hours you put in?

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MEMO FOR THE RECORD

John Uschold and George Gallivan from American Forces Radio and TV discussed atrangements for a filmed interview with the DCI with Mr Hetu and No firm date for the interview was made, but the month of June was discussed and it was agreed that it would take place in the DCI's office on a Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday morning. Mondays and Fridays are out because of the DCI's schedule.

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DCI Security has agreed the AFRT equipment can be brought up to the seventh floor in the DCI elevator and arrangements can be made to allow the AFRT vehicle to come in the basement to the DCI elevator area. Uschold and Gallivan were escorted around the first floor by and then shown the DCI office and the conference room. They preferred the former, indicating a preference for shooting their 16mm film cameras at the DCI and his interviewer against the window backdrop. They asked if the Admiral would like any personal items (family pictures, models of ships, etc) in the picture.

The entire setup should take no more than three hours. For example: arrive CIA at 0900; shoot half-hour interview between 1000-1100; out of compound by 1200. Approximate amount of time with DCI 45 to 60 minutes. The five-man crew will work with two cameras on tripods and will need 60 amps of power for cameras and lights. Good indicated no problem, there's an electrical closet in hallway just outside DCI offices. All five men in the crew are TOP SECRET cleared from DOD.

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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Central Intelligence

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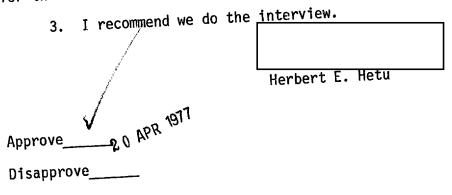
Assistant to the Director (Public Affairs)

SUBJECT

: Interview requests from Armed Forces Radio

and Television Networks

- 1. Attached is a one page detailed request from AFRTS for an interview.
- 2. This is a relatively painless interview from your point of view. They will pre-submit questions - do the interview under any circumstances we dictate - and make a healthy distribution. In addition we will end up with copies of the show for our own use. The credibility from the press/public point of view is low - but they aren't the primary audience for this interview and it is another means to get out the message.



Attachment

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